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### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order the Senate will return to legislative session.

### ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1997

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today it stand in adjournment until the hour of 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 22. I further ask unanimous consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the routine requests through the morning hour be granted, and the Senate then immediately resume consideration of Senate Concurrent Resolution 27, the first concurrent budget resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### PROGRAM

Mr. STEVENS. For the information of all Senators, at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow morning the Senate will resume consideration of the budget resolution with Senator MOSELEY-BRAUN being recognized to conclude debate on her amendment. There is one hour total for debate. Therefore, a rollcall is expected at approximately 10:30, or somewhere between 10:30 and 11 a.m., on Thursday in relation to the Moseley-Braun amendment.

In addition, a number of amendments still remain to the budget resolution. Therefore, Senators should expect votes throughout the day and into the night in order to complete action on the budget resolution.

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET

The Senate continued with the consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. ROBB addressed the Chair.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia.

Mr. ROBB. I ask unanimous consent that I be allowed to file an amendment at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### AMENDMENT NO. 356

(Purpose: To express the Sense of the Senate on Social Security and retirement saving)

Mr. ROBB. I send an amendment to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Virginia [Mr. ROBB] proposes an amendment numbered 356.

Mr. ROBB. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that reading of the amendment be dispensed with.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment is as follows:

At the appropriate place, add the following:

#### SEC. . SENSE OF THE SENATE ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND RETIREMENT SAVING.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Senate finds that—

(1) Payroll taxes provide the basic funding source for Social Security, the most popular and successful government program in reducing the rate of poverty among the elderly;

(2) For a majority of Americans, the payroll tax burden imposed for Social Security is now greater than the income tax burden, making it difficult for many families to invest for their own retirement;

(3) Payroll taxes collected for Social Security currently exceed the amount necessary to fund Social Security benefits;

(4) Excess Social Security revenues finance current consumption rather than being saved and invested for the benefit of today's employees, denying them an opportunity to share in the benefits of the increasing value of capital in a global economy;

(5) Increased personal savings is necessary to provide secure retirements and enhance future productivity and economic growth;

(b) SENSE OF THE SENATE.—It is the sense of the Senate that the provisions of this Resolution assume that—

(1) The Senate will consider using the amounts currently reserved for tax cuts for the individuals to use a portion of their Social Security payroll tax contribution for personal retirement accounts.

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, was this cleared with the Budget Committee to make it eligible this evening? It is being filed, but it qualifies now under the budget resolution. I have no objection if that is the case.

Mr. ROBB. Yes, Mr. President, that is the case.

I yield the floor.

### TRIBUTE TO BARBARA ANDREWS-MEE

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, we are fortunate when our working associates are knowledgeable, efficient, responsible and willing to go the extra mile.

But none of those attributes mean much over the long haul until you add loyalty to the mix.

For half of my life—and two-thirds of hers—Barbara Andrews-Mee has been my boss—as a lawyer, a member of our state legislature and as a U.S. Senator.

Her talents are many. But, when I've been asked, "What is Barb's best characteristic?" I say, "loyalty."

That means more to me than any of the help she's given me and the people of Alaska over more than three decades: work above and beyond the call of duty.

Through our 36 years of working together, Barb has solved problems for countless Alaskans.

She's been to hundreds—maybe even thousands—of meetings of civic and community groups to keep her finger on the pulse, to help keep me informed.

A tireless supporter of our military men and women, she has attended ceremonies on bases and posts, on submarines and on her own ship, the U.S.S. *Zephyr*, a PC8 coastal patrol craft, which she christened.

Barb has watched parades and air shows and presentations of colors and

speeches of all types, and worked to ensure that military people who serve in Alaska are treated with respect as our neighbors and constituents.

Barb, can on request, put a file in my hand that is sometimes decades old. She can always locate them.

She's been the institutional memory for the young Alaskans who come to work with us, fresh out of school.

And, after they've served on the Senate payroll and move on, they come back to see Barb.

My grandmother always told me, "Just remember, dynamite comes in small packages."

That's Barb.

She knows when to use her Norwegian stubbornness or her Alaskan toughness to get a job done.

She also knows how to set me straight, and has done it many times.

Many a morning Barb has risen long before dawn, or many a dark night, well after others in Anchorage have gone to bed, she has traveled to Elmendorf Air Force Base to greet, in my name, dignitaries whose planes are making a brief stopover.

She gives our visitors an Alaskan gift package—some smoked salmon, crackers, and candy. And every time afterward, the visitors say, "Remember me to Barb."

She's met my planes every hour of the day and night when I come home.

And she's made sure I made my flights back to Washington, DC, no matter how tight the time frame, possibly testing the speed limits along the way, but always getting me there.

One year I came home 36 times. She met me every time but one. When I got there that night, having left the Senate at 4 p.m., battled traffic and got the 5:30 plane and arrived in Anchorage about 11:30 p.m., there was no one there.

I waited, then called Barb. "What's up?" I said to my sleepy friend. "What's my schedule?"

"You aren't here, chief," Barb said. "I won't tell anyone you're here if you won't tell anyone I'm not there!"

I went fishing and then went back to DC.

We've shared much more than a working relationship through the years, Mr. President. Barb's friendship has meant much to me and my family.

In our worst days, when I lost my wife Ann who was Barb's good friend, Barb did everything possible to ease our pain, despite her own sense of loss.

Barb's quick with the quip, and usually has a great joke to share when it looks like our spirits are low.

Along with her job, and her sons, her daughter-in-law, and grandchildren, and her husband, Vince, Barb has another special love.

It's golf.

The snow has hardly disappeared from our Alaska golf courses before Barb is on the links.

With Vince, she packs up her clubs and heads for sunny climes whenever there's an opportunity.